

A. J. Wood, from the committee on compensation of public officers, submitted the following report:

MR. SPEAKER :

Your committee on compensation of public officers, to whom was referred house file No. 141, a bill for an act to abolish the office of short-hand reporter, and to provide for taking testimony in civil cases, beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration, and have instructed me to report the same back to the house with the recommendation that it do pass with the following amendment: That after the word "court," in the fourth line of section 2, be inserted the following words: "but in no case to exceed five dollars per day."

WOOD, *Chairman.*

Ordered passed on file.

HOUSE FILE NO. 141.]

[BY COOMES.

## A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO ABOLISH THE OFFICE OF SHORT-HAND REPORTER, AND TO PROVIDE FOR RECORDING TESTIMONY IN CIVIL CASES.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* Sections 181, 182 and 2 3777 of the Code are hereby repealed.

SEC. 2. Whenever asked to do so by litigants, the court shall appoint a short-hand reporter to record the oral testimony of witnesses in civil cases, which reporter shall receive 2 such compensation as may be agreed upon, or, in the absence of such agreement, as shall be 3 allowed by the court, to be paid by the litigants, and to be taxed up like other costs; and in 4 no case shall the county pay or advance any part of the expense thereof. 5